



# JAPAN

## Fact Sheet

### General Information

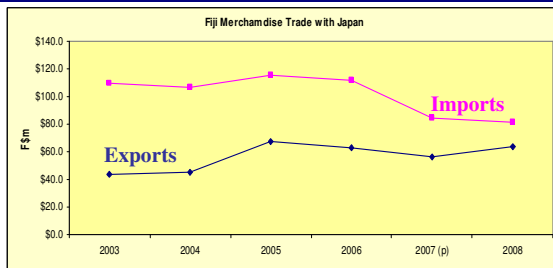
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<b>Capital</b>	Tokyo	<b>Export Commodities</b>	Transport equipment, motor vehicles, semiconductors, electrical machinery, chemicals
<b>Surface Area</b>	378,000 sq km	<b>Import Commodities</b>	Machinery and equipment, fuels, foodstuffs, chemicals, textiles, raw materials.
<b>Head of State</b>	H.M Emperor Akihito	<b>Agriculture Products</b>	rice, sugar beets, vegetables, fruit; pork, poultry, dairy products, eggs; fish
<b>Head of Government</b>	H.E Prime Minister Mr Tara Aso	<b>Major Industries</b>	Automotive Parts, Retail, ICT, Biotechnology, Medical Center, Environment
<b>Official Language</b>	Japanese		
<b>Literacy Rate</b>	99%		
<b>Population</b>	127.1m (2008)		
<b>Exchange Rate</b>	1 FJD = 46.9078 JPY (June 09)		

### Economic Indicators

	2009 <sup>1</sup>	2008 <sup>2</sup>	2007	2006	2005	2004
GDP (US\$ bn) (current prices)	4,992.8	4,866.9	4,383.8	4,377.1	4,560.7	4,608.1
GDP per Capita (US\$)	39,116	38,095	34,312	34,264	35,699	36,076
GDP per capita PPP <sup>3</sup> (US\$)	32,298	34,100	33,573	31,932	30,315	28,703
Real GDP Growth (% change YOY)	-6.2	1.4	2.1	2.4	1.9	2.7
Current Account Balance (US\$m)	76,363	193,322	212,825	170,437	165,690	172,070
Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	1.5	4.0	4.9	3.9	3.6	3.7
Goods & Services Exports(% of GDP)	12.4	17.6	17.7	16.7	14.9	13.8
Inflation (% change of YOY)	-1.0	0.6	0.3	0.3	-0.3	0.0

### Fiji Trade and Investment relationship with Japan



Adapted from FIBOS

### Fiji/Japan Balance On Trade (BOT) (FJD\$ million)

	Total Imports (C.I.F)	Domestic Exports (F.O.B)	Re-exports (F.O.B)	Total exports (F.O.B)	Balance of Trade
2003	\$109.6	\$42.7	\$1.1	\$43.8	-\$65.8
2004	\$106.7	\$43.8	\$1.6	\$45.4	-\$61.3
2005	\$115.2	\$66.1	\$1.6	\$67.7	-\$47.5
2006	\$111.5	\$60.4	\$2.6	\$63.0	-\$48.5
2007	\$84.7	\$52.7	\$3.9	\$56.6	-\$28.1
2008	\$81.8	\$63.3	\$0.68	\$64.0	-\$17.82

Source: FIBOS;2008

### Fiji's Merchandise Trade with Japan 2008

Major Exports (by HS Chapters) to Japan 2008 (F\$m)		Major Imports (by HS Chapters) from Japan 2008 (F\$m)	
Fish and crustaceans ( <i>mainly Tuna fish</i> )	\$33.0	Vehicles parts and accessories thereof ( <i>mainly part for passengers</i> )	\$40.5
Chap Wood and articles of wood ( <i>mainly woodchips</i> )	\$27.5	Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	\$14.7
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal fodder ( <i>mainly Flours, meals and pellets, of fish or of crustaceans, mollusks</i> )	\$0.62	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	\$12.8
Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes	\$0.5	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; ( <i>mainly Optical fibre cables</i> )	\$4.6
Iron and non alloy steel	\$0.4	Rubber and articles thereof	\$2.9

### Japan Global Merchandise Trade 2008

% of Japan Major Exports (JP Total Exports=US\$749.4bn)		Japan's main export destination (%)		Major Japan Imports (% of total imports=US\$710.4bn)		Japan's main import source (%)	
1. Transport equipment	24.8	1. US	17.6	1.Mineral fuels	35.0	1. China	18.8
2. Non-electrical machinery	19.7	2. China	16.0	2.Electrical machinery	10.9	2. US	10.2
3. Electrical machinery	19.0	3. South Korea	7.6	3.Manufactured goods	9.3	3. Saudi Arabia	6.7
4. Manufactured goods	12.6	4. Taiwan	5.9	4.Food	7.9	4. Australia	6.2
5. Chemicals	9.0	5. Hong Kong	5.2	5.Non-electrical goods	7.7	5. UAE	6.2

[JUNE09] - Compiled using the latest data from DFAT, RBF, JETRO and various international sources.

<sup>1</sup> IMF forecast;

<sup>2</sup> All recent data subject to revision.

<sup>3</sup> PPP is purchasing power parity